



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Director of the Community
Development Commission
Director of Health Services
Director of Planning
Director of Public Works

At its meeting held August 5, 2003, the Board took the following action:

2

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived environmental contamination. Over the last twenty years, the greater Los Angeles region has experienced a sharp decline in its manufacturing and industrial base due to businesses relocating outside of the region. The result is that the County's urban areas are rife with brownfields, which create health and safety risks for residents.

"Brownfields sit idle because of regulatory roadblocks and excessive requirements driven by the fear of endless litigation. With little available productive land in the urban core, businesses look elsewhere, pushing development further and further towards our outer boundaries, taking jobs with them and leaving the inner cities empty and underutilized. By one estimate, one acre of redeveloped brownfields preserve up to four-and-one-half acres of open space.

"California is one of only two states in the Nation that does not currently have a brownfield policy. In the absence of clear guidance from the State, the County needs to create its own policy, as several other city and counties have done, for guidance in developing and purchasing county land. A sound policy would enable the County to actively participate in redeveloping brownfields and revitalizing communities by creating jobs and housing and returning productive property to the tax rolls."

(Continued on Page 2)

2 (Continued)

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, the Directors of Public Works and Health Services, the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission and County Counsel to:

1. Review the brownfield policies used by the Counties of San Diego and San Francisco and the City of Oakland for abandoned or underutilized properties where development is hindered by real or perceived environmental contamination;
2. Develop a County brownfields policy and risk-based screening and assessment process that would expedite the assessment and cleanup process while safeguarding the public's health and minimizing the County's exposure to litigation; and
3. Report back to the Board within three months.

Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to include in the instruction the Director of Planning. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Burke made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to also incorporate in the policy review and risk-based screening and assessment process the provisions contained in the previously enacted SB 32 (Escutia) and recommendations regarding the proposed County position on SB 493 (Cedillo) as it seeks to address liability reform issues. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Burke's amendment.

Supervisor Molina's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, was unanimously carried.

8080503-2

Copies distributed:
Each Supervisor